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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP -- RIO MEETING WITH CARDINAL ARNS

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1. WITH REGARD TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED 0900 MEETING ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 31 WITH CARDINALS ARNS AND SALLES AND FOUR OTHERS, WE NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN STATE 64467, THERE ARE ONLY THIRTY MINUTES SET ASIDE FOR THAT MEETING. HAVING IN MIND THAT CARDINAL ARNS AND TWO OF THE FOUR OTHER INTERLOCUTORS SUGGESTED BELOW WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL TO RIO FROM SAO PAULO AND RETURN (FIFTY-FIVE

MINUTE FLIGHTS EACH WAY PLUS DRIVING TIME TO AND FROM AIRPORTS), IT SEEMS UNREASONABLE TO INVITE THEM TO A MEETING THAT WILL LAST LESS TIME THAN ONE OF THEIR FLIGHTS. AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NO LESS THAN ONE HOUR BE DEVOTED TO THE MEETING SO THAT THE DISCUSSION CAN BE SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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WARRANT EXPENDITURE OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIME AS WELL AS THE PAULISTAS' TRAVEL TO RIO.

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2. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING OTHER BRAZILIANS BE INVITED TO THE MEETING (ALTERNATES ARE ALSO SUGGESTED, TO BE DRAWN UPON IF PRINCIPALS COULD NOT ATTEND)
A) FROM RIO:

1) RAIMUNDO FAORO, PRESIDENT, BRAZILIAN BARR ASSOCIATION; EFFECTIVE LEADER OF INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION WHO HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS AND ONE OF PRINCIPAL INTERLOCUTORS OF SENATE PRESIDENT PETRONIO PORTELLA IN HIS DIALOGUE SEEKING NORMULAS FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN BRAZIL. (ALTERNATE: AUSTREGESILO DE ATHAYDE, PRESIDENT, BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS; ALTHOUGH AGE 80, IS RESPECTED LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL'S LITERARY ESTABLISH-

MENT AND SIGNER FOR BRAZIL OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.)

- 2) MARCOS VINICIUS PRATINI DE MORAES, PROMINENT YOUNG (FORTYISH) BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, PRESIDENT, US-BRAZIL BUSINESS COUNCIL, FORMER CABINET MINISTER AND TOUTED FOR RETURN TO CABINET IN NEXT ADMINISTRATION. (ALTERNATE: MARCOS VIANNA, 44, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; ALSO TOUTED FOR CABINET IN NEXT ADMINISTRATION. NOTE: VIANNA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MET BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND DR. BRZEZINSKI AT A CONFERENCE ON SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA, BEFORE THE 1976 ELECTION.)
- B) SAO PAULO:
- 1) JULIO MESQUITA, MID-FIFTIES, PUBLISHER, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO (THE NEW YORK TIMES OF BRAZIL). CONSERVATIVE, TRADITIONALIST IN CLA SIC LIBERAL MOLD, COURAGEOUS FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. RECENT PAST PRESIDENT OF INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. (ALTERNATE: RUI MESQUITA, JULIO'S YOUNGER BROTHER (ABOUT 52), CO-PUBLISHER OF O ESTADO. INTERNATIONALLY ORIENTED, FAVORABLE TO US POSITION. STRONG VIELS ON US CULTURE--WHICH HE DOES NOT KNOW CONFIDENTIAL

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WELL AT FIRST HAND--AND AGAINST "PERMISIVENESS" IN US. CONSIDERS US AMATEURISH IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

- 2) CLAUDIO BARDELLA, ABOUT 40, AGRESSIVE AND PROMINENT BUSINESS MANAGER, STRONG DEFENDER OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND PREDOMINANT ROLE FOR BRAZILIAN BUSINESS IN BRAZIL'S ECONOMY. (ALTERNATE: JOSE MINDLIN, EARLY 60'S, SCHOLARLY SON OF RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS WITH SOLID REPUTATION AS INNOVATIVE BUSINESSMAN, OUTSPOKEN CLASSIC LIBERAL).
- 3. ALL OF ABOVE EXCEPT FAORO SPEAK ENGLISH, SOME VERY FLUENTLY.
- 4. WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT'S QUESTION CONCERNING GOVERNOR OF RIO STATE, EMBASSY AND CONGEN RIO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE NEED BE INCLUDED IN MEETING AND FURTHER BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD UNDERSTAND SITUATION WHEN EXPLAINED TO HIM, AS CONGEN IS PREPARED TO DO. JOHNSON

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